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SUBJECT: OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VICINITY MARTINIQUE
AND ST. LUCIA

1. IN ORDER TO EXAMINE OCEAN CURRENTS AND THE PHYSICAL
PROPERTIES OF MAJOR WATER MASSES THE U.S. NAVY WISHES
TO CONDUCT OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN THE STRAIT BETWEEN
MARTINIQUE AND ST. LUCIA, IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS,
DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 10-20.

2. USNS BARTLETT (T-AGOR 13), AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
VESSEL OPERATED BY THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND UNDER THE
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TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE
(NAVOCEANO), WOULD CONDUCT THE RESEARCH. BARTLETT IS AN
UNARMED, WHITE-HULLED SHIP WITH A CREW OF NINE OFFICERS
AND SEVENTEEN MEN AND A SCIENTIFIC DETACHMENT OF
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PERSONS. PARTICIPATION BY FRENCH
SCIENTISTS IS WELCOME, AND THE DATA COLLECTED CAN BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO FRANCE IF DESIRED.

3. CURRENT METER ARRAYS WOULD BE PLACED IN THREE LOCATIONS IN THE STRAIT (14 DEGREES 19.5 MINUTES NORTH BY 60 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST, 14 DEGREES 13 MINUTES NORTH BY 60 DEGREES 53.5 MINUTES WEST, AND 14 DEGREES 19 MINUTES NORTH BY 60 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST). IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ARRAYS WOULD BE RECOVERED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1977, DEPENDING UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF A RECOVERY SHIP.

4. REQUEST THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH DURING PERIOD JUNE 10-20 BE REQUESTED FROM GOF.
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